

Activity Page For Kids

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Turn the Maritime News Into a Boat (or a hat)

1 Open up *The Maritime News* and cut it in half. Take the other half and place it in front of you so the paper is in portrait format—with the longer edges on the side. Fold it in half lengthwise so the top meets the bottom—with the fold at the “top” of the piece of paper.



2 Fold in to half width and unfold—this marks your centerline.



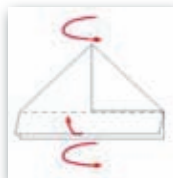
3 Fold the top right corner down so the top edge lines up with the centerline.



4 Flip over. Repeat. This should create a house-like shape with a big roofline and about an inch of paper below the triangle of the roof.



5 Fold bottom edge up. Flip over the paper.



6 Fold bottom edge up.



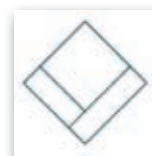
7 This makes a paper hat shape.



8 Grasp the hat shape in the center. Do this at the point where the diagonal creases meet.



9 Pull apart the paper and flatten. You should end up with a diamond-shaped piece of paper.



10 Fold bottom edge up. Leave about a 1/4 of an inch (0.65 cm) border between the top edge and the edge of portion that has been folded-up. Once done, flip the paper over.



10 + 1 Fold the bottom edge to line up with the other side.



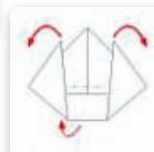
10 + 2 Hold the paper boat in the middle of the bottom edge. Pull it apart and flatten.



10 + 3 The paper should now be this shape.



10 + 4 Take the left and right triangular portions and pull apart. The bottom edge will flip up on its own.



Paper boats and hats are toys that children have been making for a very long time. Boats are used for a wide variety of reasons, including transporting goods, recreation, research, and traveling to new places. If you want to fold a boat using these instructions, think about what kind of boat interests you and where you might want to go on a boat. You can give your boat a name and try floating it at home!

Sailor caps have been around for almost 200 years, though their styles vary through time and in different cultures. They were first introduced as part of a uniform that Russian Navy sailors had to wear in the early 1800s. Young boys who wore the caps usually wore them flat on their heads, but sometimes they wore them at an angle for fashion. These days, many navies around the world still include the sailor cap as part of the uniform. If you want to fold the paper hat, you can decorate it and wear it however you like!

10 + 5 Your paper boat is now complete! If you have time, visit Hyde Street Pier and explore the real ships and boats.



A close-up of Ranger Christine's paper boat. *Balclutha* and Hyde Street Pier are in the background. Thanks to *wikiHow*. www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Paper-Ship